

Heathcote PS News

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At Heathcote PS we value... Respect Learning Teamwork and Responsibility

IMPORTANT DATES

5th, 12th, 18th June	African drumming sessions at school
10th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
11th June	Alpha Productions RSL Hall
12th, 19th, 26th June	Gym at school
20th June	Musical Extravaganza
28th June	Last Day Term 2—2pm finish
15th July	Term 3 begins

Dear Families,

It looks like winter has finally arrived. Lovely to have some rain and start to see the green tinge across the paddocks. If you are missing jumpers we have a large number in our lost property box – not named! We are about to take them home and give them a wash and put them into our second hand uniform supply. If you are missing something please come and have a look this week, we would love them to find new homes or go back to their original homes.

Not being a bystander!

Great to see students not standing by if they see or hear anything they don't think is appropriate in our school community. Talking to staff or parents about what isn't ok is a great skill to develop that can be part of their skill base as they grow into adults. It is important that we work as a team to ensure we feel comfortable in our school environment. Calling out inappropriate behaviour is something that we encourage students to do, we need to know if something isn't right so we can work with the students concerned to try and sort the issue. This is a skill we will continue to work on.

'Wheellie' shoes

A few students have brought these shoes to school last week. Staff have discussed their suitability in the yard and have made the decision they are not to be worn at school. We know they are great fun but school is not the place for students to wear them. We have spoken to the students involved and they were very accepting that they are not to be worn at school, well done to them on accepting the decision and moving on.

Pupil Free Day

Last Monday our staff updated their First Aid qualifications. It is important to update these as things change regularly in the administering of First Aid. The majority of our staff are trained, it is great to have so many people trained in our small school.

Alpha production – 11th June

Permission forms to attend the production will be coming home this week. Students and staff will be walking down to the hall for the afternoon performance, they will return to school for dismissal.

On behalf of our customers we funded the bus being used in the Royal Flying Doctors patient transport program.

Heathcote & District **Community Bank**® Branch

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for Heathcote

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Uniform

Just a reminder that leggings are not part of our school uniform. Blue tracksuit pants or other navy blue pants should be worn. Navy tights can be worn with the red check dress or the navy pinafore.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty with the purchase of winter uniform please come and see us, we are very happy to support our families.

Attendance – still a significant issue for some of our student community....

Attendance is still an issue for a small number of our families. Absences have a significant impact on our student's lives. Missing days of schooling leaves students behind their peers both socially and academically. This term student absence continues to be an area of focus for our school, some of our students are significantly disadvantaged through their absence rate. The data below was shared with families earlier this year and demonstrates our school performance over the period 2014 – 2018.

Across Victorian schools, an absence rate of 12 days/year is the average. This equates to 3 days absence/per term/per child. Being below this figure is what schools would hope to see in their data.

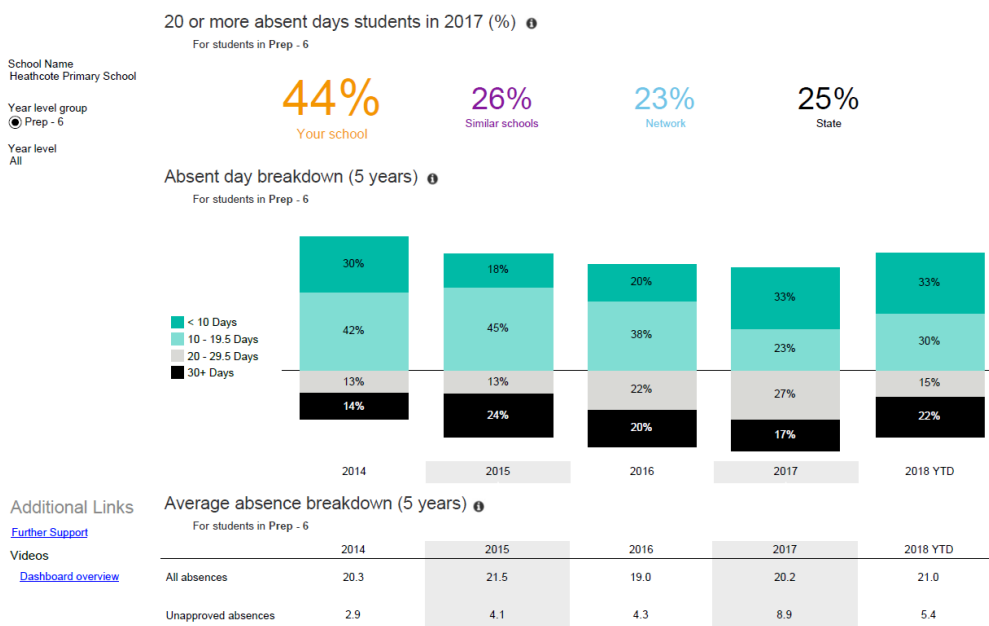
In 2018, 37% of students had more than 20 days absence (4 weeks or ½ term). 33% had up to 10 days absence. This is of significant concern.

On the graph below, our aim for 2019 is to have less than 10% of students in the grey section and our other 90% in the green sections.

The reason we are aiming higher is because there is a clear correlation between attendance and achievement. We want all of our students to fulfil their academic and personal potential. By working together with families, we hope to achieve these goals. The Department of Education and Training is asking us to report significant absences for further follow up. Please make sure you send your child/ren to school every day. Thank you to the large number of families who are here all day, every day. It means a great deal to your child's education.

What can you do?

- **Make appointments out of school hours.**
- **Ensure students are at school, ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**
- **Value school and the education your child receives, make it a priority.**



Enjoy your week

Kate Ballantyne

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



<p><u>TEAM-WORK</u> Safiyah Manurung</p>	<p><u>RESPECT</u> Blake Maiden</p>	<p><u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> Mandy Young</p>	<p><u>LEARNING</u> Laykin Francis Wesley Knight George McFadzean Tom McFadzean Ella McNally Ava Thompson</p>
<p><u>BRONZE LEVEL</u> Mandy Young</p>	<p><u>BRONZE LEVEL</u> Jaycob Grigg</p>	<p><u>BRONZE LEVEL</u></p>	<p><u>BRONZE LEVEL</u> Luke Anderson Samantha Close Madi Cooper Lachlan Daykin Masie Dwyer Laykin Francis Tom McFadzean Sienna Mainard Conroy Miller</p>

READING AWARDS

25 Nights

Cruze Williams

50 Nights

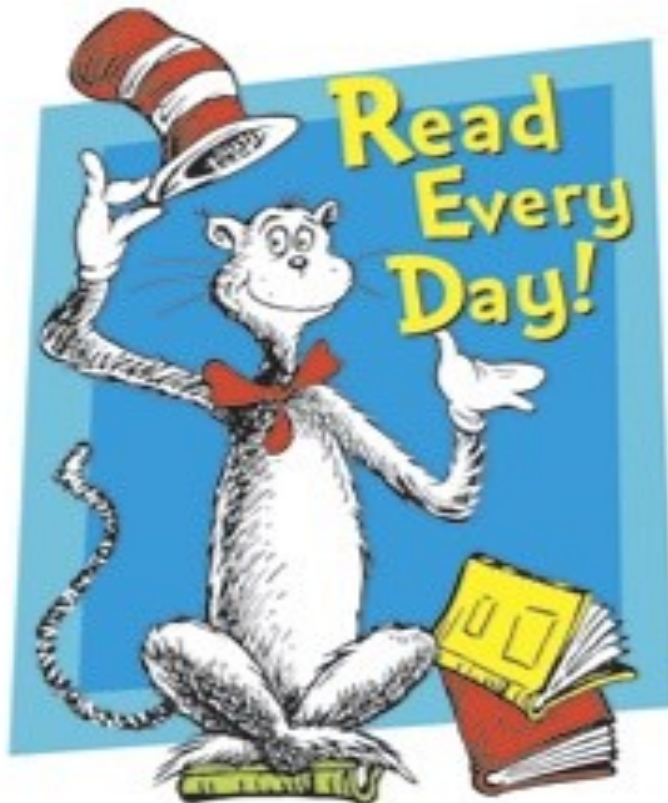
Abby Fisher
Laykin Francis

75 Nights

George McFadzean
Conroy Miller
William Powers

100 Nights

Masie Dwyer
Wesley Knight
Hunter Lane
George McFadzean
Conroy Miller
Jessica Toifl
Mandy Young

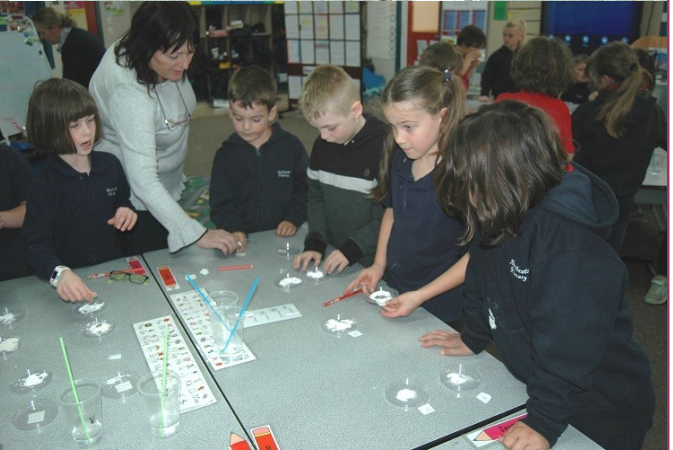
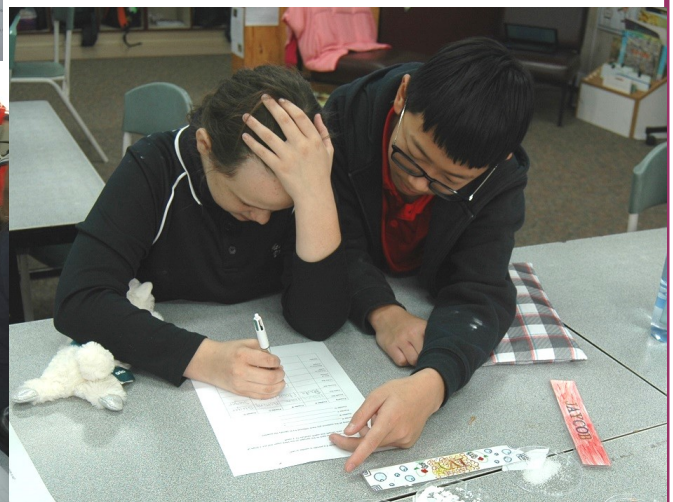


STEM

This week in STEM we commenced our unit on Chemistry. Chemistry is a really fun area of science to explore and we started by being CSI scientists (Crime Scene Investigators).

Students were given mystery samples of four white powders. Using our investigative and science skills, students made observations about each powder, using descriptive words to describe each one. We then tested each substance with water and vinegar to test for solubility and acid-base reactions. Not knowing what the substances were, we were not allowed to taste them.

The investigative capabilities of our students was astounding. They identified the substances as Bicarb of soda, flour, icing sugar and regular sugar. Many of the junior students were really clever by describing the smell of flour mixed with water as cupcakes.



Head Lice We have had a report of head lice so we urge all parents to thoroughly check your children's hair and to do this regularly.

If we all work as a team on this we will achieve the best results for our students.

If your child has long hair we ask that they wear it tied back when they are attending school.



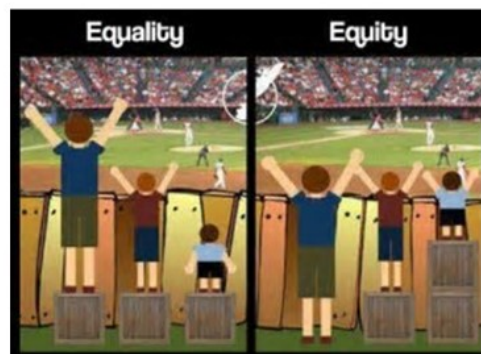
REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



Developing Greater Bendigo's Food System

Strategy: Have Your Say Today!

What would make it easier to eat healthy food in Greater Bendigo?

What would make it easier to grow your own food locally?

What food (system) related issues matter to you the most?



The City of Greater Bendigo are developing its first ever Food System Strategy to help improve the health and wellbeing of our community. The Strategy will look at all of the steps it takes to get food on our plate (from paddock to plate all the way through to how food is disposed of) and we encourage you to have your say by completing this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPHB9XZ>

For more information about the Strategy, you can visit the City of Greater Bendigo's website: <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/foodsystemstrategy>



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photos have just arrived and will be distributed this week. If you wish to order a copy of the photo of a group photo please follow the ordering directions below.



Dear Parents and Students,

Heathcote Primary School » SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS have been taken

ONLINE ORDERING – regular price of \$20 per photo.

Your child's special group photos are now available for secure online purchase

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SPECIAL GROUP PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Easy Access Link: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code 3EM 1XZ MT8

Step 2: Click on the Group Photos tab (top of the page)

Step 3: Choose the groups you would like to order from the list
(left side of the page, you can view them at this point)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee

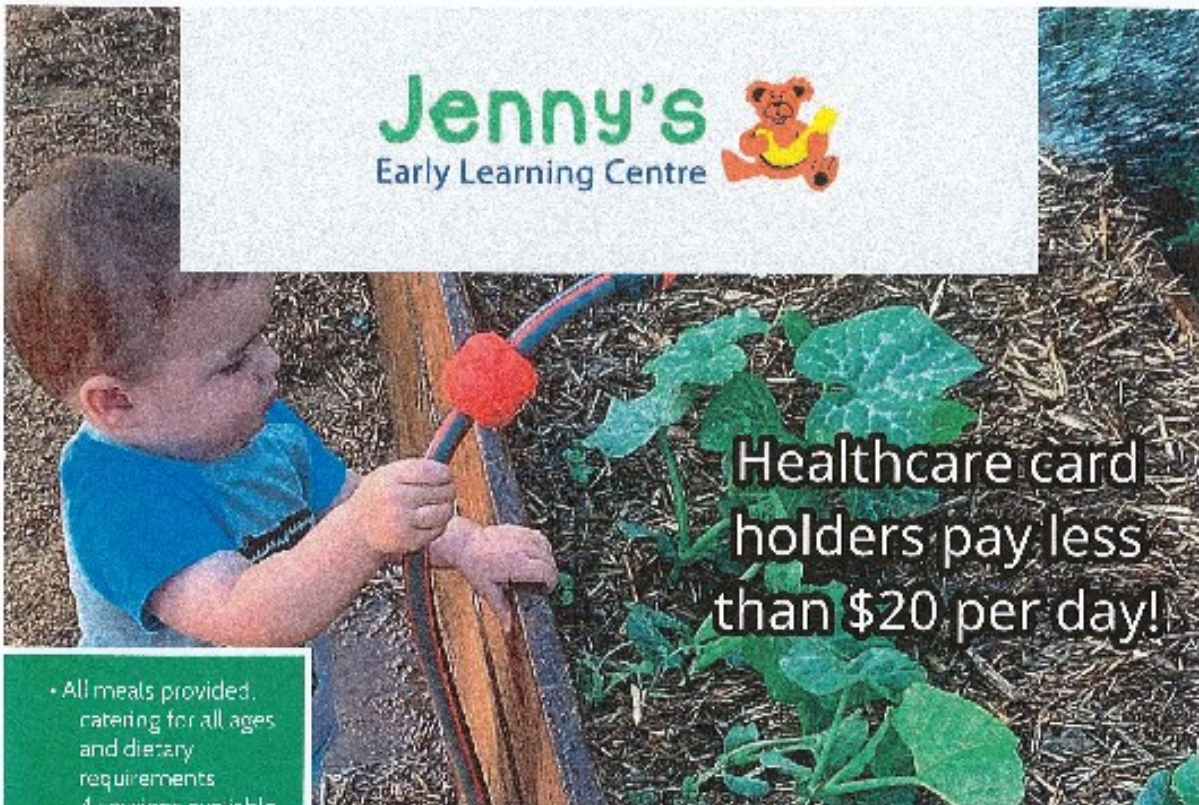
Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries
in regards to your child's special group photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



Jenny's
Early Learning Centre



Healthcare card
holders pay less
than \$20 per day!

- All meals provided, catering for all ages and dietary requirements
- 4 sessions available to allow a flexible lifestyle and also to accommodate for CCS hours
- Fully qualified Kindergarten teacher
- Open daily from 6.30AM to 6.30PM
- Fantastic community engagement for all ages!



HEATHCOTE'S FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTRE!

AGES 6 Weeks - 6 Years

Our Heathcote centre operates with an ethos of providing exceptional child care options for families within the Heathcote region. Jennys ELC Heathcote also operates a recognized Pre School program to support working families requiring more flexibility than the typical sessional Kindergarten programs. The children enrolled in our Heathcote centre can expect to be immersed in an educational program that considers each child's individual needs, interests and the wider community values.



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Are you interested
in becoming a
Dementia Friend?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US CREATE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY?

Join us at our Workshop presented by Carolyn Taplin, Dementia Australia and increase your awareness and understanding of what it is like to live with Dementia. Find out how you can make practical changes that will have a positive impact on the lives of people living with Dementia and their carers.

Learn About;

Dementia, its signs and symptoms
Some of the challenges experienced by people living with Dementia when engaging in community activities
How being a Dementia friendly community can benefit people living with Dementia, the broader community, businesses and organisations.

Date: Tuesday 28th May

Time 6.00pm - 8.00pm (light refreshments included)

Venue: Bunbunarik Children's Hub
165 High Street Heathcote.

(numbers limited - please rsvp by to assist with catering to
sos.atter@gmail.com or 0417350911)

